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To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

WINTER STORMS OF 2004/2005 REPORT #3 (as of 3:00 p.m. January 13, 2005)

Your Board ratified the Chief Administrative Officer's Proclamation of a local emergency on January 11, 2005. The Proclamation has been forwarded to the State for approval. The cities of Diamond Bar, Glendale, La Canada Flintridge, Los Angeles, Malibu, Monterey Park, Pasadena, and Santa Clarita have also submitted Declarations of Local Emergency.

The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) is closed, and transition to recovery activities has begun. Cities and County departments have reported \$88.5 million in damage to public buildings and infrastructure.

This report includes updated information from the following County departments: Sheriff, Fire, Public Works, Coroner, Probation, Parks and Recreation, Office of Education, Public Library, Assessor, Beaches and Harbors, and the Chief Administrative Office/Office of Emergency Management.

The City of Los Angeles EOC remains activated and the City of Arcadia's EOC was activated today. The American Red Cross shelter in Santa Clarita remains open and housed 87 residents overnight, with 82 residents on site today.

My Office of Emergency Management staff contacted the California Office of Emergency Services this morning to discuss when federal assistance may become available to affected residents and businesses. State officials informed our staff that they expect federal needs assessments to be completed by early next week. These assessments will guide Federal officials in determining what assistance programs will be made available. We will keep your board informed as assistance programs become

available. At this point, we have reports of fifteen homes destroyed and eighteen with major damage, which includes our cities and unincorporated areas of the county. We believe this number will increase as the result of local inspections and increased reports from residents.

Camp Follows is a privately-owned residential area in the National Forest near Highway 39 and was cut off from access because of bridge failure on the private road. About 200 people live in Camp Follows. The access road and bridge are on private property, so the County does not do repairs; however, Public Works has advised the owner on bridge replacement. The Sheriff has made a preliminary assessment of needs and is working with Public Health and other departments, as needed, to assure the safety of the residents. Sheriff staff airlifted two people out of Camp Follows, but the other residents have elected to stay and have no immediate needs, except food and emergency medicine. Food for the residents was obtained by a private effort in cooperation with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, and Sheriff staff are airlifting food and supplies to the residents. Sheriff staff will continue to monitor the situation.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- The Coroner has confirmed nine fatalities.
- The Office of Education reports that all school districts are now open.
- The Probation Department reports that they are still working with Internal Services Department on access to Camp Routh in Tujunga. The evacuated staff and minors remain at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar.
- Public Library reports that all County libraries are now open.
- Public Works reports that 101 roads remain closed throughout the County. Crews are working long hours to remove debris from Public Works facilities and to monitor the locations where damages have been reported. In addition, Public Works has been a major player with representation at the CEOC throughout its recent activation.
- The Fire Department continues to have an Engine Strike Team in Santa Clarita; six additional engines deployed throughout the County; an additional Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team staged in San Dimas; and seven swift water teams on 24-hour duty. A USAR Task Force, along with a 16 member Swift Water Task Force, has been sent to Ventura County to assist in the search for victims of the La Conchita mudslide.
- The Sheriff's Department continues to use patrol units to determine the safety of roadways in Antelope Valley, Lost Hills, Santa Clarita, and San Dimas. They are also escorting residents in and out of the damaged areas.
- Parks and Recreation reports the following closures due to flooding, mudslides, and/or power outages: Bonelli Park, Santa Fe Dam, Hart Park, Whittier Narrows & Nature Center, Castaic Lake, Descanso Gardens, Placerita Canyon, and Val Verde Park.
- The Assessor's Office has announced property tax relief for storm damage amounts to \$10,000 or more.

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- Beaches and Harbors reports that there will be no film permits on the beach for two weeks; that 12 beach access ways in Malibu are closed to the public; and that some County parking lots are closed and the public is being re-directed to open parking lots.

We will provide another report as new information becomes available.

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